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SUBJECT:R/V ATLANTIS II CLEARANCE REQUEST, 6-25
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REF: (A) STATE 006827, (B) STATE 272076

1. AS STATED REFTEL (A), R/V ATLANTIS II WILL BE CON-
DUCTING MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFF THE COAST OF GOK.
WHEN RESEARCH PLAN WAS INITIALLY FORMULATED SHIP DID
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NOT PLAN TO CONDUCT RESEARCH OFF KUWAIT BUT NOW AFTER
RECONSIDERING SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED
THAT IT WOULD BE SCIENTIFICALLY BENEFICIAL TO COLLECT
SEDIMENT SAMPLES AND CORES ON CONTINENTAL SHELF.
RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND OTHER DESCRIPTIVE MATTER FROM
REFTEL (B) APPLY AND ARE COMPLETE. REFTEL (B)
FOLLOWS IN ITS ENTIRETY AND EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO

TAKE ACTION STATED PARA 5.

QUOTE. STATE 272076.

PARA 1. R/V ATLANTIS II, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND GULF OF OMAN. THE RESEARCH WILL BE FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE

FOUNDATION. PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH WILL BE TO EXAMINE CHEMICAL MASS BALANCE AND MIXING BETWEEN INFLOWING AND OUTFLOWING WATERS OF THIS MARGINAL SEA AND TO INVESTIGATE CHEMICAL CHANGES IN THE GULF. DETAILED ALKALINITY MEASUREMENTS WILL BE MADE, TOGETHER WITH NUTRIENTS AND CERTAIN TRACE ELEMENTS. THE LARGE CHANGE IN ALKALINITY SHOULD PERMIT CORRELATION OF OTHER CHEMICAL VARIABLES WITH THIS PROPERTY. THE DATA SET WILL PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON A POORLY KNOWN OCEANOGRAPHIC REGION WHICH CONTRIBUTES A SIGNIFICANT WATER MASS TO THE INDIAN OCEAN. HYDROSTATIONS WILL BE MADE AND GRAVITY CORES TAKEN IN THE GULF. DREDGING WILL BE DONE ON THE MURRAY RIDGE.

PARA 2. EQUIPMENT TO BE UTILIZED INCLUDES NISKIN BOTTLES, DREDGE, AND A GRAVITY CORE.

PARA 3. CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. PETER G. BREWER OF WHOI AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE HOST COUNTRIES. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 6 FOREIGN PAR-UNCLASSIFIED

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TICIPANTS (TOTAL FROM ALL COUNTRIES) AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO BOARD AT KARACHI AND DISEMBARK AT BANDER ABASS. SHIP WILL BE AT KARACHI 2-6 FEB AND BANDER ABASS ON 25 FEB. A CRUISE TRACK IS BEING POUCHED.

PARA 4. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS DAVID F. CASILES AND THERE IS A CREW OF 30 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 26. SHIP IS 210 FT LONG, DRAFT 16 FT, AND GROSS TONNAGE 2300. RADIO CALL SIGN IS KADC AND SHIP MONITORS 500 KHZ AND SSB FREQUENCIES 4.113.500; 8.281.200; 12.421.000; 16.565.000; AND 22.094.500 CYCLES.

PARA 5. ACTION: EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR ATLANTIS II TO CONDUCT CONTINENTAL SHELF RESEARCH FOR PERIOD 6-25 FEB 1977. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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